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Dear Grace,

I want to thank you for your prompt reply to my last letter. I had no idea what your response would be, but I was sure that it would be honest and I admire you for that.

However, your letter left me with several questions in my mind which I'd like to present to you now. First of all, I wondered why you were "mortified" to find a GLF newsletter in your mailbox. Were you afraid that someone (perhaps the postman) might see the return address and assume that you were gay? Extremely unlikely, but even if they did, would it change anything? Wouldn't the people who know and love you continue to do so? And do the others matter a particle?

You also stated " I can't think of anything that I am less interested in reading about than GLF or whatever it is." I wonder how a person who has no interest in, and therefore knows little about GLF, can be so adamantly opposed to it. Why would you not wish to learn what it is all about? Have you ever considered how many people are helped by GLF and similar organizations? Why is it so painful for people to at last hear a homosexual human being talk about what it is like to be homosexual? Have you ever thought for a moment that maybe psychology has not reached the pinnacle of truth and understanding with regard to the range of human sexual response? And did you know that many psychologists and psychiatrists are changing their minds about the so-called "abnormality" or "sickness" of homosexuality, per se, based on new research and studies of healthy gay people.

Are you also aware that such national figures as presidential candidates Kennedy, Jackson, Mc Govern, and Mc Closkey have given their endorsements to gay civil rights? That six states have repealed

their anti-gay legislation?

The subject is no longer so taboo that it can't be printed in national magazines like Time, Newsweek, and Life. Check the December 31, 1971 issue of Life—11 pages about the movement. You won't have to feel "mortified" if someone sees you reading Life.

What I have told you is true. Whether it takes you a long time to accept it or whether you accept it at all, can not alter the facts. Gay liberation is coming--coming faster than I thought possible--and with it a new awareness of human sexuality and an end to sexual hang-ups and mythology that have wrecked marriages and destroyed people's lives--heterosexuals' as well as homosexuals'. Whether you accept it or not, you will be affected by it.

I hope you will understand that I say these things to you without malice--on the contrary--with love in my heart. I hope you will consider them seriously and take the time to write your answers to me whenever you feel ready. And I hope the time will come when you hear someone putting down the homosexual, you will not be afraid to say, "Wait a minute! One of my best friends is gay and you have some very wrong ideas about gay people." That will be the day when you have begun your own liberation.

Love to you,

Bob